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Letter dated 5 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text, in English, of a statement of the European Community and its member States (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 68.

(Signed) Fernando REINO
Ambassador of Portugal
Permanent Representative
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ANNEX

Statement of the European Community and its member States issued on 5 May 1992

The European Community and its member States have taken note of the Declaration of the representatives of the Peoples of the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Montenegro, of 27 April 1992, which states that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia continues "the state, international legal and political personality of the Federal Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia". This Declaration raises questions related to the continuity of Yugoslavia's membership of international organizations including the United Nations, which are under consideration. As a matter of fact, the European Community and its member States have not accepted the automatic continuity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in international organizations including the United Nations.

At this stage, they reserve their position on this question.

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Letter dated 5 May 1992 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

This is to apprise you that serious questions have arisen regarding whether the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is the continuation of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for purposes of membership in the United Nations. Until such time as these questions are resolved, the participation of the representatives of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the activities of the Security Council or the General Assembly should be viewed as without prejudice to the disposition of these questions.

I respectfully request that you circulate this letter as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 68.

(Signed) Alexander F. WATSON

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Letter dated 5 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Australia has taken note of the 27 April 1992 proclamation of the establishment of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia by the Republics of Montenegro and Serbia, two of the six Republics of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Australia is considering the effect of this proclamation.

Australia wishes to place on record its view that the current participation of representatives of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in meetings of international organizations is without prejudice to the eventual resolution of the question of the status of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Richard BUTLER AM

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